## CURRENT TOPICS.

THERE are 315 cotton-mills in the southern states, against 180 four years

COUNTERFEIT 25-cent pieces, of lead, are exasperatingly plentiful in Boston

THE revised version of the Old Testament will be issued complete, it is said, in September

A SOUTHERN paper estimates that \$28,000,000 was invested in the south during the first two months of this year.

THE snow is now very deep in the woods of northern Maine. In some of the lumber sections it is fully six feet

formed in southern California to han dle and treat new wines by the elec-A BILL has been introduced into the

House of Commons to humanize the

A HUGE corporation is now being

children, computed at 60,000, who live on barges and in traveling vans. Men from 21 to 65 years of age pass the hours playing marbles in the

HENRY VILLARD contradicts the sto-

THE state of New Jersey is by law to have an Arbor Day in April hereafter. and Governor Abbett has requested

confined in the White Plains (N. Y.) jail awaiting execution in April, amuses himself by writing cards bearing the inscription, "Rev. Theodore Hoffman, pastor of White Plains Jail."

Har, but he has his redeeming traits. In San Francisco the Chinese gave merchants gave \$2,000 each.

given this counsel to a person who asked his advice touching the publica-which overlooked the city. I pulled tion of a letter: "My experience has aside the lace and satin, ope convinced me that in polities whatever blind, and was at once fascinated is entirely superfluous ought to be

SKATING and coasting in Canada have made the Princess Louise decidedly 'fast.' She drinks wine and loves it, smokes cigarettes, tells a captable of the dispersion of the lamp-lit earth, I could not tell in my rapture where earth left off and the heavens began.

At last I turned from the window and stock still in the vast page and ital after-dinner story (sometimes and stood still in the vast place, and warmer than the climate she left in Candad,) and has lately horrified the queen Suddenly the thought occurred to by responding to an invitation to come me that my aunt's rooms were adto Windsor with the telegram, "The joining these which she had given me Campbells are coming.

traveler says that the daughters of the wealthy pass their lives in vacuity; those of the poor are half fed and half dressed, and nearly all look hunger bitten and badly developed. "They looking down upon me. The fire-place want a condiment to use on meat ni looking down upon me. The fire-place want a condiment to use on meat ni the spring. They are not aware how the spring the spring improved by additional travel. are completely without shape. The looked wretchedly poor. A plump, healthy woman is a rarity. The picture so of ful senorita, swinging in voluptuous languor in a hammock, is a pietorial fraud. The average Mexican senorita is se belie that she would break her neck actting into a hammock "

Ar one of the Glasgow steel works there is in progress an immense anvil block, which will eventually contain about 165 tons of metal, and which is intended for use with twelve-ton steam hammers, of which there are several now at work in Scotland. This monster anvil block is designed in two pieces, the larger one being of about 140 tons weight. It was cast in a mould occupying the position intended for the block itself. The mix-chair to get my breath. I put my breath. I put my breath. I put my breath. I put my face; the earth is then pressed against.

Chess is often mentioned as the favorite game of great generals, diplomats and scholars; but the simpler though perhaps not less pleasing game of checkers must have its innings on that score, too. Not only did Plato use it for philosophical illustration, and Cicero turn to it for mental diversion, and Frederick the Great spond hours over it, but in later days such leaders as Lincoln and Garibaldi prized it highly; and it is said that, as his namesake's place in Ithaca was the scene of many checker contests, so General Grant used to "clean out the boys" at West Point at it, and indeed ascribes much of his military success to the training of the sixty-four squares.

The leader of the commence of the man who sold his shadow to the demon. I felt more lonely and chilled than before.

Then I determined to go over every article in the reflection of the room and see if that were perfect. Yes, there was the tomb-like bed in the corner, there the chiffonier, there the "sleepy hollow," the hassocks, the using a spading fork to free them long, ghostly curtains, the table in the center of the room. Slowly I turned my lead over my shoulder and start to grow and interfere with the cabbages, the tops may be cut off twice with the hoe. This does let me see myself on their surfaces?"

Again I looked, and felt very murch of them has ceased. If the sets should start to grow and interfere with the cabbage has cut off twice with the hoe. This does let me see myself on their surfaces?"

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The I determined to go over every again freely. After the cabbage has a felt the provent the ground until spring) by first plowing deeply as near to rows a CHESS is often mentioned as the fa-

## THE GODMOTHER'S GIFT.

'This is the kiss shall make him long To drink,' she softly sighed, 'The fount of Beauty with the thirst That ne'er is satisfied.

"This is the kiss shall ope the eye And stimulate the brain o see what others never saw, And be can ne'er attain.

"This is the kiss shall charmchis lips So that his whole life long There honey-less of thought shall hive The stinging sweets of Song.

And here the kiss of Wandering I print on feet and breast, that he may for possession have Desire and unrest. And this shall be the kiss of Love.

His life to consecrate to her that shall be lost two soon, Or he found out too late.

These are the kisses five I give My baby in his sleep; The sixth, and sacreded of all, A little while I keep. And he shall never know, or, known, It never shall be told, Which sweeter is—the kiss I give, Or the kiss that I withhold? T. Lawigan, in Harper's Magazine

## A GHOSTLY GLASS.

The death of an aunt had called me streets of Angel's Camp, Calaveras to the city. The funeral over, I was streets of Angel's Camp, Calaveras county, Cal.

to the city. The funeral over, I was lawy been, I found my way to the ghostly glass.

I can now fully understand how one THERE are eleven states in which women vote for school directors. Many people will be surprised to learn that Kentucky is one of the states.

the room assigned me, lighted the gas, then sat me cautiously down in a "sleepy hollow." and looked about

Henry Villard contradicts the story that he recently sold for \$250,000 cause I am a contry girl, and know one-seventh of a piece of property in very little about the springs and Portland that had cost him only \$45,000 a few years ago.

I say "sat me cantiously down, because I am a contry girl, and know very little about the springs and strange contributes which go to furnish a fashionable city house—as, in truth, my story will certainly prove to

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real enough to understand that strange things happen to us, seemingly for mo bonnet and gloves. She looks as if open whatever, and there call it the workings of Fate. Now, there was no great need of me coming to the city.

I had just strength enough to tundered and nothing by so doing: I accomplished nothing by so doing: I did not again leave until morning when I hurriedly dressed and hastengal down stairs. by a party of telephone linemen.

They didn't heed her protest until she covered them with a rayolyar and then covered them with a revolver, and then they decided to stop.

since that rate, wishing to be hard upon me, played that trick to her own satisfaction and my great

When I left my home, in Cloverdale, and Governor Abbett has requested the farmers to inform him what day in the mouth will, in their opinion be the most favorable for the purpose. It stifles me, makes me hervous and harts my eyes. Besides, the city pavements weary my feet, and I seem to lose all my pride and strength under Theodore Hoffman, the murderer onlined in the White Plains (N. Y.) h we are not used to.

Well, sitting there in that blue satin "sleepy-hollow," I looked about me and sighed at the grandeur of my surroundings. There were two immense rooms divided by blue satin curtains and white lace draperies. I had no desire to look behind those curtains \$45,000 to aid their countrymen who for it looked very dark and uninviting, were sufferers from the recent great I did not like to feel that the room floods near Canton. Several Chimese was there. I wished from the bottom of my heart that they had given me one of the servant's rooms, instead of doing me so much uncomfortable hou-

When I look out of my own little icling the presence of Jefferson Davis in that city one day last week, says that he is as erect as a young Indian brave and the grusp of his hand is as firm and warm as in the unforgotten form and warm as in the unforgotten in the unforgotte lines of lights; then there lights it

Suddenly the thought occurred to that but a few hours before her still body had lain there; and, in spite of a myself, I shuddered.

I slipped out of my clothes as only a country girl can, and slid in under the blankets and hid my head, thinking as women and ostriches ever think-that a head hidden is a head safe.

In spite of my fears, I must have gone directly to sleep, for the next re-membrance I have is of looking about me in that surprised, dazed way that nearly every one has upon waking up

are completely without shape. The looked like an immense mouth, the roots are improved by cultivation, health of the higher class of women is opened to take me in. The bed in A correspondent of The Country Genwretchedly poor. A plump, healthy the eorner, which was an ancient French affair, with a dubious-looking lows: This crop is one of the most roll at the head instead of a pillow, looked to me like a tomb. I could not help fancying that in that bed I should look like the stone figures on the pillars in Westminster, with nose and toes turned upward, and hands folded on the breast, as I had seen them in pictures. Again I shuddered, and longed for my comfortable bed at home, with which I felt at least acquainted.

At last I saw what I took to be a ture employed in the production of these huge anvil blocks was about one-fourth No. 3 Gartsherrie and three-fourths scrap iron.

Chess is often mentioned as the factors of the scrap is the scrap iron.

And atarined, is at down on the nearest tops two of the earth is then pressed against the set so as to fill the hole. The reason why the sets are put so far under the surface, is to delay the look again. I did so, but the mirror obstinately refused to cast back any reflection. It reflected the room, but not me. Yes, it was there, and begin the set so as to fill the hole. The reason why the sets are put so far under the surface, is to delay the coming up of the radish until the crop of cabbages has been taken off, or the reflection. It reflected the room, but we should start to grow and interference.

Since the dudes commenced to part their too small to even put on pantry shelves.—Peck's wild on the "bare". Beatle, the state have gone Sun.

There are friends and friends in this world, young man, and it behooves erally you to select with care those whom

The state of the time of the state of the st prophecies, contradicts that common law, and the prophets disappear so completely that no Java upheaval, no death dealing cyclone, calls them from

their hiding?
One thing is clear. The professional astronomers may have been right in denying to the planets a dangerous power over our earth, and the prophets "scientifically" wrong; but the fact will go on record, and will be referred to in after times, that the period be-tween 1880 and 1884, the time of their conjunctions and particular agreeconjunctions and perihelion agree-ments, is one of the most extraordinary ments, is one of the most extraordinary cosmic disturbance, which first or last science must not fail to account for. It has been suggested—and it may be true—that the solar system in its movement through space has reached a region of cosmic conditions, the precise nature of which we may better know hereafter than is possible a moment.—Chicago Times. sible at the present

A deal table—the one in the fare bank.

The season has come for improving rate of speed, making a foothold some the condition of pastures. It is generally employed in injuring them. As darkness prevented him at first from Mr. Maxwell state librarian, showed world, young man, and it behooves that a head hidden is a head safe.

In spite of my fears, I must have some directly to sleep, for the next reached him at surprised, dazed way that is in that surprised, dazed way that is in that surprised, dazed way that on a strange room.

I sat up in bed and thought a minute. Some clock in the house struck, but this gave me no comfort, since, but this gave me no comfort, since, how that most clocks knive a mean it heads of struck in the some clock in the house struck in the world, wao knowing your weakness for some pleasure or some failing and weakness simply to have your intimates "some pleasure or some failing and weakness simply to have your intimates and those whom you are to make your intimates and those of loads that an "Abridgement des Livres An lad she should a "Leader reporter yesterday a couple of old books. About 1470 R. Pypson had an "Abridgement des Livres An lad she will build a \$500. The Episcopalians will build a \$500. Th

Murderous Assault Upon a Conductor.

Powell, occurred on an eastbound train from Kansas City Friday night. Powell, who was bound for his home at ell, who was bound for his home at Gilliam, Mo., where he is a well-to-do merchant, discovered that the train did not stop at the station and grew very indignant when the conductor informed him that according to the rules he would be obliged to pay full fare to the station beyond and that no return the station beyond and the station beyond and the station beyond and the station beyond and that no return the station beyond and the station beyond and the station beyond and that no return the station beyond and the station and great the costs of the station move away."

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There is a large deposit of white earth, or "white mud' as it is commonly as it is commonly as it is commonly as formed him that according to the rules he would be obliged to pay full fare to the station beyond and that no return eheck would be given him. After the conductor collected the fare he passed on and Powell followed him with murderous intent, and just as Dunsmore stepped out on the dark platform. Powell stepped close up behind him, and throwing his left arm around his head, pulled it back so as to expose his throat. At the same time he drow from pis pooket with his right hand a large pocket-knife and made a desperate at attempt to cut his throat. The conductor, thus seized unexpectedly from behind with a strong man garroting him, was at a great disadvant-

to those whose knowledge comes alone from cattle or other animals after they

A desperate encounter between Con-luctor R. E. Dunsmore, of the Chicago The stockmen of the west should A desperate encounter between Conductor R. E. Dunsmore, of the Chicago and Alton, and a passenger named Powell, occurred on an eastbound train and felt both on a question that costs them dollars where it costs other people and contact and felt both on a question that costs them dollars where it costs other people and and felt both on a question that costs them dollars where it costs other people and and felt both on a question that costs them dollars where it costs other people and an angle of the contact and the costs of the costs

uldn't make a living down in the quaintance.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

A man at Pittsburg, Tex., is in jail for cursing his wife.

ward in taunting men for not entering the mine and rescuing the bodies. Mollie Morris, the belle of the village, recently jumped upon a barrel and in the hearing of two dozen men an-nounced her willinguess and promised solemnly to marry the man who re-covered the body of her father, who was one of the victims. The appeal met with no response, and, with the remark, "No, you are all cowards?" Mollie rejoined the other women.

limits of Greensboro, Ga., when has the property of extracting grease from floors, and has been used from time immemorial by the housewives of the town for that purpose. It is also used quite extensively for whitewash-ing hearths, and in some instances has taken the place of whitewash for

fences.

A grand encampment of southern millitary will be held at Rome, Ga., between July 2 and 11. The place selected for the encampment is an open plateau on the bank of the Oostanauk, opposite Rome, and only five hundred yards from the business portion of the city. It is expected that thousands of ex-confederates, who have not met since the close of the war, will take part in the affair.